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STRUTHERS WELCOMES FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND HOME FOR ADULTS WITH AUTISM

On Tuesday, May 19, Dylan's House celebrated the grand opening of its newest residence at 548 Judith Lane in Struthers. As the area's first home designed specifically for young adults with autism, it offers a safe, supportive environment focused on independence, life skills, and community belonging. Inspired by their own journey with their son, founders Kevin and Amy Shope created the Mahoning Valley nonprofit to provide independent-living opportunities for other families. "To walk through this house and know that those adults with autism and their families are going to have their lives changed is unbelievable," Amy Shope shared. The Shopes chose to build in Struthers after discussing city land bank lots with Mayor Cat, quickly discovering the deeply welcoming community was a perfect fit. In addition to its housing programs, the organization actively provides public education and awards grants to support and empower autism caregivers. Leaders hope this inaugural home is just the beginning of expanded support across the region. For more information or to submit a housing application, visit the Dylan's House website.

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STRUTHERS CITY HALL



Thanks to an idea from Struthers alum Michael Meuter, we hosted our 3rd annual event with 12 juniors, in cooperation with Struthers City Schools and Mr. Kevin Dailey. We started at City Hall with council members Lori Gomon, Jim Baluck, Bob Deagan, and Michael Patrick; city administrators Christina Bohl Jackson (Auditor), Anthony Lariccia (Safety Service Director), and Bill Minchin (Code Enforcement); Superintendent Pete Pirone; and a guest panel. Panelists included Girard Mayor Mark Zuppo, State Rep. Tex Fischer, Struthers Tax Commissioner Ryan Rogalski, Western Reserve Building Trades Rep. Justin Rance, and Zach Teter (MS Consultants). After a Q&A, Officer Murzda gave us a quick tour of the Police Department. Next, we visited a packed Youngstown City Hall to watch Mayor Derrick McDowell and YPD Chief Sharon Cole promote several officers, followed by great advice from the Mayor in his office. We then toured the Mahoning County Courthouse, visiting Judge Krichbaum's courtroom and the Sheriff's basement security offices led by Robert Regula and our own Officer "Johnny" Medvec—whom the students enthusiastically recognized!

Government Day

A short walk to YBI included a tour from Barb Ewing, Tanisha Wheeler, and Luke Politsky, plus a bonus presentation from Struthers' own Zac Divencenzo (co-founder and President of JiggerBot 3D). We then headed to Donavito's Restaurant to eat and chat with Alan Donatelli, followed by cake and a meet-and-greet with Brian Palumbo at Selah Restaurant. Our final field stop was the almost-finished Kayak Launch. Bart and Isaac from Integra showcased the construction progress alongside council members Jim Baluck and Lori Gomon, and Police Chief Tim Roddy. We ended the day back at City Hall with a great talk from Judge Jim Melone. The event gave students a glimpse into the daily collaboration and relationship-building required in local government, a showcasing diverse valley career opportunities. Special thanks to all our hosts and to our driver, Anthony Lariccia. We had a fantastic (and musical!) group of kids this year:





PAGE TREE

CELEBRATING OUR CITY. PLANTING OUR FUTURE.

Celebrating Our Roots: The Struthers City Schools Arbor Day Art Contest



The Value of Our Urban Forest

Trees provide countless benefits to Struthers. They help improve air quality, reduce stormwater runoff, provide shade, support wildlife, and enhance the beauty of our neighborhoods and parks. Through this contest, students were encouraged to explore these themes and express their appreciation for trees through original artwork.



Outstanding Student Submissions

We were inspired by the outstanding submissions received from students across all grade levels. Each piece reflected unique artistic talent, imagination, and a clear understanding of the important role trees play in our daily lives.



Community Acknowledgments & Future Impact

The Tree Board extends its sincere appreciation to all participating students, parents, teachers, and school administrators who helped make this program a success. By investing in environmental education and celebrating student achievement, we continue to foster a stronger connection between our community and the urban forest that enriches Struthers for generations to come.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to all participants and winners of the Struthers City Schools Arbor Day Art Contest! We proudly congratulate the winning artists whose work is featured below.

Sponsored by the City of Struthers Tree Board in partnership with the Struthers City School District as part of the City's ongoing commitment to Arbor Day, environmental stewardship, and community beautification.

Give Your Tree a Fighting Chance

This Summer ☀️😓🌳



With the summer heat in full swing, our trees are working overtime. Just like us, they feel the effects of long stretches of hot, dry weather. A little extra care now can help reduce stress, keep them healthy, and ensure they continue providing shade, cleaner air, and beauty for years to come.



The good news? Keeping a tree healthy doesn't have to be complicated. It's much easier to spend a few minutes doing the right things than it is to try to fix years of damage later.



TREE CARE: DO & DON'T

Simple summer care that protects trees for years.

✓ DO:



Mulch in a wide ring – keep it away from the trunk.



Prune only when needed and at the right time.



Water deeply during hot, dry weather.



Protect healthy soil and roots.



Check your tree each season for problems.

✗ DON'T:



Don't pile rock, turf, or mulch against the trunk.



Don't let grass grow against the trunk.



Don't overwater or underwater.



Don't leave stakes or wires on too long.



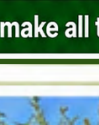
Don't compact the soil around roots.



Don't prune in peak summer unless needed for safety.



Don't use harsh chemicals near the root zone.



Don't nick the trunk with mowers or trimmers.

WHY IT MATTERS



Provides shade



Cleans the air



Boosts property value



Benefits future generations



A few minutes of care today can make all the difference tomorrow.



OUTSTANDING STUDENT SUBMISSIONS



Matteo Liptak
SES - 1st Grade



Quinn Perez
SES - 2nd Grade



Zac Mehley
SES - 3rd Grade



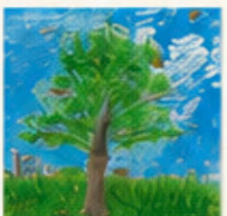
Makynzie Patterson
SES - 4th Grade



Tiona Curry
SES - 5th Grade



Vanessa Parsly
SMS - 6th Grade



Preston Finley
SMS - 7th Grade



Elisa Bonita
SMS - 8th Grade



Mason Blasie
SHS - 9th Grade



Leann Taylor
SHS - 10th Grade



Growing Together: A Generous Gift to Our City! 🌳

Supervisor Charles Sawtelle and Safety Service Director Anthony Lariccia had the pleasure of picking up a generous donation of 12 trees from our friends at Pioneer Trails Tree Farm. We want to send a huge thank you to everyone at Pioneer Trails Tree Farm for their incredible generosity and ongoing support of our community.



ICYMI

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

CITY PARTNERS WITH YNDC TO BUILD EIGHT AFFORDABLE HOMES

The Welcome Home Ohio Project is a partnership between the City of Struthers and Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. (YNDC) to build eight new affordable single-family homes on vacant land bank lots throughout the city. With limited space available for larger developments, the project uses a “spot building” approach to bring new housing into established neighborhoods. Construction is being completed by Joe Koch Construction and will include four different home designs with both single-story and two-story layouts. Each home will feature at least three bedrooms, two bathrooms, an open-concept living area, first-floor laundry, a front porch, and a two-car garage.



The homes will be listed for sale once completed, and eligible buyers may receive down payment assistance through Huntington Bank. Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller called the project rewarding, noting that it brings years of planning and discussion into reality.



WHERE THESE HOMES ARE GOING

These eight new homes will be seamlessly integrated into existing neighborhoods at:

- 90 Center Street
- 165 Sexton Street
- 363 Sexton Street
- 371 Sexton Street
- 78 Prospect Street
- 43 Narcissa Avenue
- 16 E. Haywood Boulevard
- 434 8th Street

THE HOMES TAKING SHAPE



A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

A massive collaborative housing project is currently underway, made possible by a grant awarded to the City of Struthers Land Reutilization program from the Ohio Department of Development’s Welcome Home Ohio grant program. Bringing this vision to life required essential teamwork across multiple organizations, starting with the City of Struthers and Mahoning County Land Banks working together to assemble the vacant lots. The Eden Haven Housing Development Group stepped in to provide vital predevelopment support, paving the way for YNDC and Joe Koch Construction to spearhead the actual build. This exciting initiative aims to transform these vacant lots into beautiful new homes, and residents are encouraged to stay tuned for more updates as the project progresses.



More Than Donuts

To celebrate National Donut Day, The Salvation Army handed out over 300 free donuts to community members and local business partners. The organization extends its deepest gratitude to everyone who volunteered, donated, and participated. This vital community support allows The Salvation Army to provide food, essential items, and hope to neighbors in need, helping them continue to "Do the Most Good."



Struthers Honors Our Veterans on Memorial Day

The City of Struthers commemorated Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, with a series of meaningful ceremonies honoring those who served and sacrificed for our country. The day began at 8 a.m. with a Marine Corps–Beirut Memorial honoring deceased Beirut veterans, followed by a 9 a.m. community kayak launch remembering those lost at sea. The Main VFW Ceremony was held at 10am at the high school, and the observances concluded with an 11 a.m. AMVETS ceremony at Lake Park Cemetery.



Remember ★ Honor ★ Never Forget

POLICE / FIRE



Honoring Our Heroes:

Struthers Officials Attend Annual Fallen Officers Memorial

Chief Tim Roddy, Captain Jeremy Cramer, Safety Service Director Anthony Lariccia, and Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller gathered alongside neighboring law enforcement leaders to attend the Annual Fallen Officers Memorial, graciously hosted by the Mahoning County Sheriff’s Office and the Youngstown Police Department F.O.P. Together, they stood in solemn remembrance of the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting and serving their communities—a dedication and selflessness that will never be forgotten.

They held a special place in our hearts to honor our own fallen Struthers Police Department Officers, John Harkins and Raymond Darwich. Their service and sacrifice remain a permanent, revered part of our city’s history, and their legacy continues to live on through every officer who proudly wears the badge in service to our community today. The ceremony served as a poignant reminder that behind every badge is an unwavering commitment to serve others, even at the greatest personal cost. We remain forever grateful to all fallen officers and the families they left behind; may we never forget their sacrifice.



WELCOMING Officer Luke Gaston

We are thrilled to officially welcome our newest full-time officer, Luke Gaston, to the department.

Officer Gaston brings a deep-rooted commitment to public safety, coming from a long and proud family line of law enforcement professionals. His dedication to protecting and serving is in his blood, and we are incredibly proud to add his character and expertise to the force.

As we continue working to keep Struthers a safe and vibrant place to live, building a strong, community-focused team is our top priority. We know Officer Gaston will be an outstanding asset to both the department and the residents he serves.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
AND COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY.



HONORING A LEGACY OF SERVICE: FIRE CHIEF MICHAEL AGNONE RETIRES AFTER 35 YEARS

The City of Struthers proudly recognizes and celebrates the retirement of Fire Chief Michael Agnone, honoring an extraordinary 35 years of dedicated service to our community.

For more than three decades, Chief Agnone has answered the call—leading with courage, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to the protection of Struthers residents. Through countless emergencies, complex operational challenges, and quiet moments of community service, he has remained a steady, trusted leader for both our firefighters and our city.

His legacy extends far beyond the walls of the fire station. Over his tenure, Chief Agnone has mentored generations of first responders, fortified our fire department’s capabilities, and played a pivotal role in ensuring the ongoing safety and well-being of our neighborhoods. The profound impact of his leadership will undoubtedly resonate throughout the department for years to come.

On behalf of the City of Struthers, our residents, and all those whose lives he has positively impacted throughout his esteemed career, we extend our deepest gratitude for 35 years of selfless service, sacrifice, and dedication.

Congratulations, Chief Agnone, on a well-earned retirement. We wish you and your family abundant health, happiness, and exciting new adventures in this next chapter. Once a firefighter, always a firefighter—and you will forever remain a cherished member of the Struthers family.

Thank you, Chief. Your service will never be forgotten.

Former Boxing Champ Jacob Giuriceo Sworn In as Struthers Fire Chief

The city of Struthers has a brand new fire chief, and he’s bringing a fighter’s spirit to the role. Former professional boxer Jacob Giuriceo was sworn in last Friday, succeeding Chief Mike Agnone, who is retiring after an honorable 35-year career.

Giuriceo’s path to leadership wasn’t easy. Growing up in a rough area of Youngstown with a single mother after losing his father at age five, he had a troubled youth and frequently found himself getting into fights at school. However, a local teacher steered him toward the "K.O. for Drugs" boxing tournaments, changing his life’s trajectory.

A CHAMPION’S WORK ETHIC Giuriceo found a positive outlet in the ring. He turned pro in 2009, fighting on Kelly Pavlik’s undercard, and built a record of 20-6-1. In 2017, he shifted his focus to the Struthers Fire Department. Driven by his strong faith and a relentless work ethic, he steadily rose through the ranks.

LOOKING AHEAD While becoming fire chief wasn’t his original plan, Giuriceo feels his life experiences perfectly molded him for this purpose: to improve the department and protect the citizens of Struthers.

Outside the firehouse, the new chief still has one personal goal in his sights: he hopes to step into the boxing ring three more times to reach an even 30 professional fights before hanging up his gloves for good.





MICHAEL AGNONE
FIRE CHIEF • 59165

City of **STRUTHERS**
FIRE



STRUTHERS FIRE DEPARTMENT





Struthers Secures Major Funding for Parks and Critical Infrastructure

The City of Struthers continues to make significant progress on two major community priorities: improving recreational opportunities and strengthening essential wastewater infrastructure. KO Consulting successfully secured \$350,000 through Ohio's highly competitive State Capital Budget to support improvements at Nebo Field. The funding will help complete the park's walking path and begin construction of a new baseball field for the Miracle League of the Mahoning Valley, creating more inclusive recreational opportunities for athletes of all abilities and their families. KO Consulting has also begun the process of accessing \$800,000 in congressionally directed funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to replace the digester cover at the Struthers Water Pollution Control Facility. As part of this effort, KO successfully obtained a waiver of the required local match, saving the City approximately \$200,000. Since 2023, KO Consulting has secured approximately \$1.27 million in state and federal funding for infrastructure improvements at the Water Pollution Control Facility. These investments reflect the City's ongoing commitment to maintaining reliable public infrastructure, protecting the environment, and ensuring that future residential and economic development remains possible in Struthers and throughout Mahoning County.



KO CONSULTING, LLC

The CASTLO Community Fund, Inc. is proud to announce the recipients of its first-ever grant awards. These milestone presentations took place on June 18th during our annual picnic and golf outing at Bedford Trails Golf Course, where we gathered to celebrate the local non-profits making a vital difference in our area. We are thrilled to award our inaugural grants to two outstanding organizations. **Golden String, Inc.** received **\$16,905** to support the Gabba Camp Greenhouse project, which includes an **\$8,452.50** grant from the newly formed CASTLO Community Fund, Inc., alongside a matching **\$8,452.50** from the CASTLO Community Fund through the Youngstown Foundation. Additionally, **Habitat for Humanity of Mahoning Valley** received **\$5,000** to support their ReStore Safety and Sustainability project. If you are a non-profit organization making an impact within the five CASTLO communities, we encourage you to apply for future funding. Please visit castlo.com to review our eligibility requirements and submit an application today.



WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a concerted push to secure vital federal investments for the Mahoning Valley, Struthers Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, safety service director Anthony Lariccia, and Austintown Trustee Robert Santos joined a delegation of regional officials on Capitol Hill this past June. Participating in the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber Fly-In, the trio presented a unified front to federal lawmakers. The underlying message of the trip was clear: while Mahoning Valley communities bear different names on the map, their economic and developmental goals are inextricably linked. According to the delegation, taking the Valley's narrative directly to Washington is essential for ensuring the region is not overlooked when federal resources are allocated. During the advocacy event, local leaders lobbied for support across several critical sectors, with discussions centering heavily on infrastructure upgrades, public safety enhancements, workforce development, and broader quality-of-life initiatives. "The Valley has always been built on resilience, hard work, and collaboration," Mayor Miller noted, emphasizing the strategy behind the joint trip. "By standing together and speaking with one voice, we can continue attracting resources, creating opportunities, and building a brighter future for the people we serve." Advocates argued that a unified Valley voice significantly strengthens the region's priorities and dramatically increases the chances of securing federal backing. The collaborative effort drew praise from both local participants and the federal representatives who hosted them. The trip also featured lighter moments of regional pride, most notably when U.S. Rep. Mike Carey made a point to declare to attendees that Struthers' own Elmtown restaurant serves the best pizza in the Valley. For leaders like Miller, Lariccia, and Santos, the Chamber fly-in underscored a fundamental political reality for Northeast Ohio: the future of the Mahoning Valley hinges on the willingness of its individual municipalities to cross city limits and advocate as one.



COMMUNITY



Community Pride in Action: Over 100 Volunteers Unite for Successful Clean-Up Day

Volunteers from local organizations, including Struthers Rotary, The Struthers R.O.A.R., the Garden Club, The Struthers Cheerleaders, The Struthers Football team, The Struthers Interact Club, Struthers Hardhats and other students from SHS, SMS and SES worked alongside our Parks Department and Street Department to put another successful Struthers Community Clean-Up Day in the books! Held on Saturday, May 30th, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, residents brought their family and friends to join forces in planting, landscaping, and cleaning up around the city. It was a fantastic morning of community beautification and a perfect opportunity for everyone to work together to keep our neighborhoods looking their very best.



We extended a special thank you to A1 Industrial Painting Inc. for generously donating the paint and supplies to update the building at Grimm Nebo Park. With the materials secured, the Struthers Regional Operators of Amateur Radio (ROAR) rolled up their sleeves and painted the facility. So many of the wonderful projects around our city are made possible by the incredible support of generous donors and community partners, and we were deeply appreciative of their contribution



Happenings

Our community thrives on local engagement, and you'd be surprised at the volume of great events happening year-round. From high-energy school sports and youth theatre productions to the diverse offerings at the library like adult education workshops and local author readings, our calendar is always packed. These activities, alongside the regular meetings and charity fundraisers hosted by local clubs and organizations, form the backbone of our town's unique character and offer countless opportunities to connect with neighbors and learn something new. To ensure you never miss out, we strongly encourage you to subscribe to local newsletters and follow official community social media pages (for the town, school district, and library). Being informed is the first step; the next is marking your calendar and joining the fun!



Click or scan to get more information on events



City of
STRUTHERS

EVENTS CALENDAR

★ **REMAINING EVENTS FOR 2026** ★

EVENT	DAY	DATE	TIME
Farmers Market	Sunday	Aug 30th	10am-2pm
Fall Garage Sales	Fri, Sat, Sun	Sept 11,12,13	9am-5pm
Farmers Market	Sunday	Sept 27th	10am-2pm
Bedding Drive	Saturday	October 10th	10am-11am
Tire drive	Saturday	October 10th	10am-11
Christmas parade	Friday	Dec 4th	6pm
Christmas Lights Awards	Thursday	Dec 17th	6pm

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YOUNGSTOWN
— CLOTHING COMPANY —

EXCITING NEWS!





Youngstown Clothing Company will soon be selling the City of Struthers commemorative **Union Pacific Big Boy No. 4014** coins online! This is a great opportunity for train enthusiasts, collectors, and community members to own a special keepsake celebrating the historic Big Boy visit to Struthers.



STAY TUNED FOR ORDERING DETAILS!





Rotary Cares

PEOPLE OF **ACTION** MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Uniting for Good: 2025–2026 Struthers Rotary Presidency

By Karen Edwards

When Ryan Goist became President of Struthers Rotary for 2025–2026, his vision was simple: make Rotary’s impact visible and unite the community through service. The club strengthened its brand with new canopies, Rotary-branded ducks, newsletters, and expanded social media. It also grew its community partnerships by welcoming Struthers R.O.A.R. and the Struthers Garden Club into the Struthers Rotary Community Corps. R.O.A.R. celebrated WKTL’s 60th anniversary and was named Club of the Year, while the Garden Club received the district’s Operation Pollination Award. Throughout the year, Rotary members put Service Above Self into action—supporting police, fire, parks, and street departments; youth football; baseball; Habitat ReStore; Easter activities; Maplecrest caroling; Summer Art Camp; and Sleep in Heavenly Peace, where members helped physically build beds. Fundraising reached a new level with the club’s first golf cart raffle, launched at the Taste of Struthers and ending at the Lucky Duck Race. The renewed energy brought 18 new members—an extraordinary year of growth. Ryan’s leadership gained district-wide recognition through speaking engagements, leadership training in Columbus, and a Rotary podcast appearance. The year concluded with an emotional President’s Dinner and the transition to President Lisa Daprile. Ryan’s greatest message was gratitude—to the members who supported new ideas, embraced change, and worked together to make a difference. and worked together to make a difference. United in purpose. Visible in service. Stronger together



President Ryan Goist and President-Elect Lisa Daprile



Join the Struthers Rotary Club

Elevate your professional network and community impact by joining the Struthers Rotary Club. We believe collective action is the key to a brighter future for Struthers.

As a member, you will:

- Engage in strategic networking with a diverse group of local professionals.
- Develop advanced leadership skills by spearheading and participating in local initiatives.
- Mentor the next generation, helping youth in our community reach their full potential.

Membership Details: Dues are **\$80 semi-annually** (\$160 per year). This covers our administrative costs, meeting expenses, and essential operations to keep our initiatives running smoothly.

Are you ready to make a lasting positive impact? Contact us today to learn more about becoming a member and attending your first meeting.



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES (JOIN DATES)

Thank you for your dedicated service and commitment to our community!

MEMBER NAME	YEARS OF SERVICE	JOIN MONTH
Michael Krake	28 years	April
Tom Baringer	28 years	April
Patty Fire	4 years	April
Jonathan Guerrier	5 years	May
Robin Serich	1 year	May



Recognizing the time, energy, and passion our members dedicate to making a difference!





Rotary Cares

PEOPLE OF ACTION MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Front Row (left to right): Kylie Schiedel, Samantha Minno (recipient of the First Catholic Slovak Union Branch 682 Scholarship), Gabriella Hogue, Addison Liptak. Back: Angelo Pezzone, Natalie Wolikow, Melyka West, Isabella Sahli, Struthers Rotary President Ryan Goist. Last row: Rotary Scholarship Chairman Tom Baringer and SHS Interact Advisor Stephanie Mickler.



Rotary in Action: Celebrating Our 2026 Scholarship Recipients

The Struthers Rotary is proud to announce the winners of our 2026 scholarships. We are thrilled to recognize these outstanding students and award each of them a \$1,000 scholarship to support the next chapter of their educational journeys. We wish them continued success as they step into their bright futures.

Congratulations to our 2026 scholarship recipients: Kylie Schiedel, Samantha Minno (recipient of the First Catholic Slovak Union Branch 682 Scholarship), Gabriella Hogue, Addison Liptak, Angelo Pezzone, Natalie Wolikow, Melyka West, and Isabella Sahli.

We extend a special thank you to Struthers Rotary President Ryan Goist, Rotary Scholarship Chairman Tom Baringer, and SHS Interact Advisor Stephanie Mickler for their dedication to our youth.



40 YEARS OF INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH

This year marks a monumental milestone—40 years of unwavering investment in local youth. Over the past four decades, the Rotary has provided an astounding \$148,000 in scholarships. These awards are a direct result of our community's incredible support and generosity.



Honoring Service: Paul Harris Fellow Award



At our May 13 meeting, held at the Placko Center, the Struthers Rotary awarded Rotarian and Struthers School Superintendent Pete Pirone a Paul Harris Fellow.

The Paul Harris Fellow Award is one of Rotary International's highest honors, recognizing individuals for their significant contributions to the Rotary Foundation and their embodiment of Rotary's ideals of service.

Pictured, L-R: Pete's daughter and wife, Kara and Debbie Pirone, Pete Pirone, and Club Foundation Chair Tom Baringer.



PETE PIRONE IS THE CLUB'S 78TH RECIPIENT OF THIS PRESTIGIOUS ROTARY HONOR.

Struthers Rotary congratulates Pete on this well-deserved recognition and thanks him for his continued commitment to serving our schools and community.



Supporting Our Community



Photo left to right: Ryan Goist, Catherine Cercone Miller, Amanda Minno, Samantha Minno, Tom Baringer

The Struthers Rotary is honored to announce our \$300 event sponsorship in support of the Playin4Pat Foundation.

This incredible local non-profit was created to honor the life and legacy of Patrick Minno—a beloved Struthers father, coach, and friend who always put others first, even during his courageous battle with esophageal cancer.

The foundation carries on Pat's spirit by giving back to our community and supporting children who face hardships as they work toward their education. We are proud to stand behind a cause that so perfectly aligns with our Rotary mission of community service and supporting local youth.



TASTE OF STRUTHERS

A Decade of Flavor. A Lifetime of Impact.



The Struthers Rotary celebrated a milestone this year with its 10th annual “Taste of Struthers,” and once again, the highly anticipated event was a complete sell-out. Bringing the community together to support local causes, the evening highlighted the incredible culinary talent right here in our city.



A SMORGASBORD OF LOCAL FLAVORS

Guests were treated to a smorgasbord of local flavors, with 17 exceptional establishments showcasing their very best.

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| • Donavito's | • Giannios Candy | • Dunkin' |
| • Gianna's Catering | • Tangier | • Brier Hill |
| • Elmtree | • IGA Bakery | • Sr. Jalapeño |
| • Selah | • The Elmtown | • Maplecrest |
| • Rips | • Belleria | • Baked Witches |
| • Bogeys | • Pizza Joe's | • Cheesecakes |



“We do this to highlight the gems we have here in the city; they show up year after year.”

– Catherine Cercone Miller,
Mayor of Struthers & Chair of the Struthers Rotary



This event is one of the Rotary's biggest annual fundraisers and has become such a staple that organizers don't even need to advertise tickets because demand naturally outpaces supply.



MAKING AN IMPACT TOGETHER

Every dollar raised from the Taste of Struthers and the ongoing golf cart raffle goes directly back into the community, funding vital Rotary initiatives that keep Struthers thriving.



Pancake Breakfast



Summer Art Camp



Support for Local Nonprofits



And so much more!

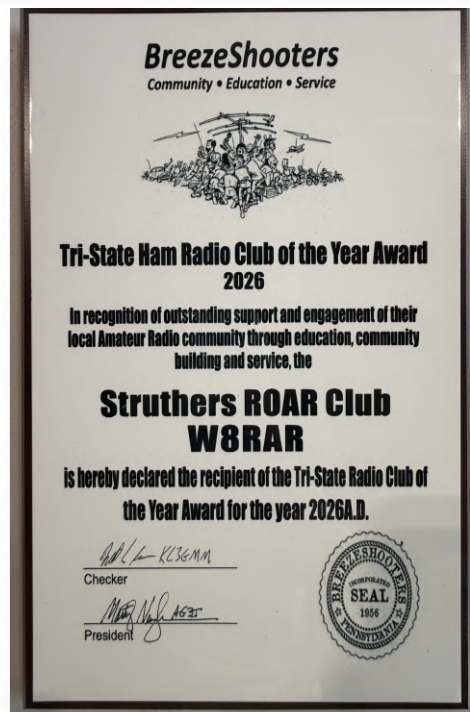


COMMUNITY CORPS STRUTHERS R.O.A.R.



CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD – JUNE 14TH

On June 14th, Struthers ROAR members attended the Breezeshooters Club Hamfest in Butler, Pennsylvania, where they were unexpectedly honored with the Tri-State Ham Radio Club of the Year Award. The team was highly appreciative of this incredible distinction. "We are grateful that our club's efforts have been recognized across state lines," stated Struthers ROAR President Ken Goist (WD8JZP).



ARRL FIELD DAY 2026 – JUNE 27TH & 28TH

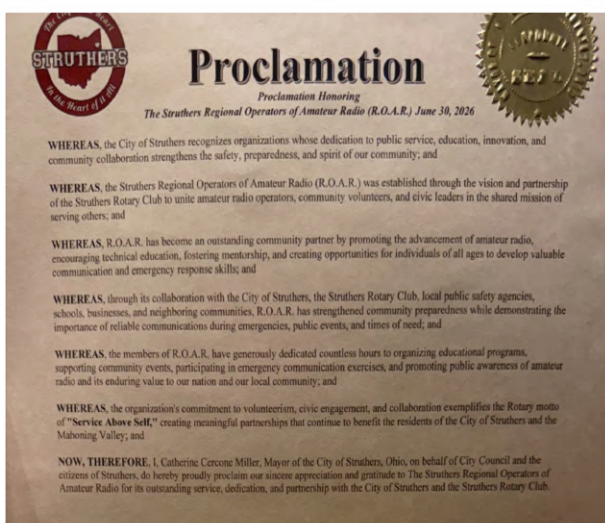
Over the weekend of June 27th and 28th, Struthers ROAR hosted its annual ARRL Field Day at Mickler Field. Recognized as amateur radio's largest event and unofficial "open house," Field Day provided an excellent opportunity to invite the community to learn about amateur radio, see how the club supports the City of Struthers, and even operate the equipment firsthand.

During the 24-hour event, members practiced establishing a mock emergency communications operation by strategically deploying various antennas and multi-capable radio stations throughout the park. The event drew over 100 visitors and featured a Public Safety Day alongside local Police, Fire, and SWAT teams, as well as a K-9 demonstration, a Hot Diggity Dog food stand, and a fundraiser raffle. Throughout the weekend, Struthers ROAR successfully made contact with nearly 2,000 other operators and clubs across North America and internationally.



PROCLAMATION – JUNE 30TH

On June 30th, during the Struthers Rotary President's Dinner, Struthers ROAR was honored with an official Proclamation from Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller and the City of Struthers. This prestigious recognition highlights the organization's unwavering dedication to public service, emergency preparedness, education, and community partnerships. The Proclamation serves as a testament to the hard work and ongoing commitment of every member who volunteers their time to serve the community, promote amateur radio, mentor new operators, and support local public events and emergency communication efforts.





STRUTHERS R.O.A.R.

REGIONAL OPERATORS OF AMATEUR RADIO

★ SERVING OUR COMMUNITY • BUILDING CONNECTIONS • MAKING A DIFFERENCE ★



STRUTHERS ROTARY FLAGS MAY 8TH & 9TH

Struthers ROAR members teamed up to install Rotary Flags across the city. Splitting into teams, members used radios to coordinate logistics, track route progress, and report site repairs to a Net Control Operator. This community service project provided excellent hands-on practice for testing radio equipment and coordinating complex communications across a wide area.



TEAMWORK. COMMUNICATION.
COMMUNITY.



DAYTON HAMVENTION MAY 15-17

Struthers ROAR members traveled to Dayton for the world's largest Hamfest to buy, sell, and trade amateur radio equipment while networking with other clubs.

Over the weekend, ROAR member Danielle (KE8YMU) volunteered at the ARRL Examiner table, managing registrations for public Amateur Radio testing.



STRUTHERS CLEAN UP DAY MAY 30TH

Members of Struthers ROAR proudly volunteered their time during Struthers Clean Up Day to repaint the Nebo Building. The team greatly appreciated the opportunity to give back to the community and contribute to the ongoing beautification of the city.





Community Corps Garden Club



The club Celebrates the 2nd Annual Pollinator Palooza.

A massive THANK YOU to Mahoning Soil & Water Conservation for including the City of Struthers and Council President, Mike Patrick, in the 2nd Annual Pollinator Palooza!

Hosted on May 9, 2026, at the Mahoning SWCD headquarters in Youngstown, the event brought together local vendors, community partners, and residents to celebrate and support our local ecosystems. The shared passion for pollinators, native plants, conservation, and community education made the day truly special.

It was especially wonderful to see the Garden Club in attendance, bringing their enthusiasm and expertise to the forefront of the celebration. The incredible turnout and collaborative spirit were on full display, especially among the dedicated community members and volunteers gathered at the Operation Pollination booth.

Featuring robust plant sales and vital educational outreach, the gathering was a tremendous success. We look forward to continuing this important conservation work alongside our community partners to keep our ecosystems thriving!



Struthers Garden Club Launches "Take-One-Leave-One" Mini Greenhouse

The Struthers Rotary Garden Club recently dedicated a new 5-foot mini greenhouse outside City Hall (6 Elm St.) where residents can freely take or donate seeds, plants, and gardening tools.

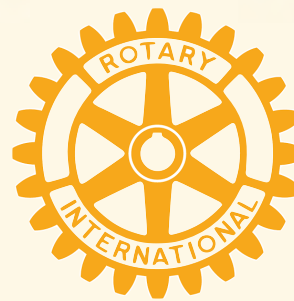
The greenhouse is part of the national "America in Bloom" initiative and marks the club's 17th "adopt-a-spot" project. These volunteer-led efforts aim to beautify the city by transforming desolate areas into maintained gardens, with other sites including Hamilton Lake, Nebo Park, and Mauthe Park.

The garden club, which has rapidly grown from 5 to 30 members, is currently preparing for a July 13 visit from America in Bloom officials to showcase the city's improvements. Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller praised the club's work, noting that their volunteer efforts are crucial to the downtown's rebirth since the city lacks the staff to maintain such projects alone.





Community Corps Garden Club



Planting Sunshine: Garden Club and Struthers Hardhats Team Up for New Sunflower Field

Thanks to a bright idea from the Garden Club and Park Supervisor Charles Sawtelle, the back field is getting a beautiful new addition: a vibrant patch of sunflowers. To bring this vision to life, they teamed up with the Struthers Hardhats players, cheerleaders, and their families, who all rolled up their sleeves to help plant the field.

Beyond providing a stunning, golden backdrop perfect for community members to snap photos, these flowers play a crucial role in supporting our local ecosystem. Sunflowers are heavy nectar producers that attract essential pollinators like bees and butterflies, and their abundant seeds offer a vital natural food source for neighborhood birds. Additionally, their deep root systems help aerate the ground and improve water retention. It's a true community effort that not only nourishes our environment but also brings people together.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Mary Ann Morell on
winning the Bird Feeder
Camera!! Huge thank you
to everyone who participated
in the raffle!



New Signs Point the Way around the city!

We're thrilled to announce a fresh look for our local green spaces! On Monday, community members gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony on N. Bridge Street, across from Holy Trinity Church, to unveil a brand-new sign directing residents to Mickler Park in Struthers.

This is one of three new signs generously sponsored by the Youngstown Columbiana Association of Realtors. Notably, many of these signs are a proud part of the club's "Adopt a Spot" program, showcasing a fantastic community partnership aimed at beautifying our city.

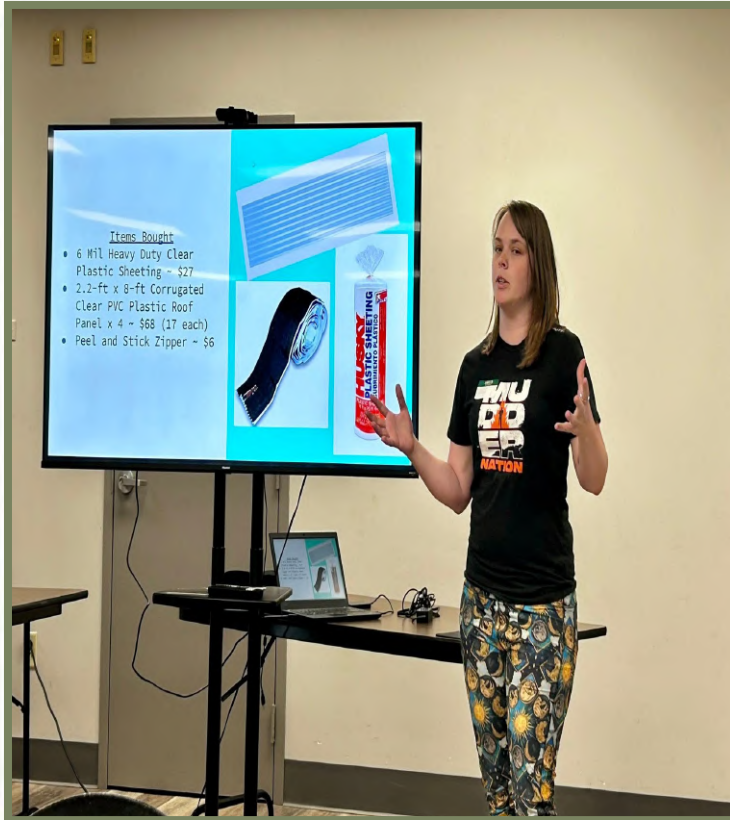
Mayor Cat Miller spoke at the event, emphasizing how the project fits into a larger vision for the city. "There were a lot of places we didn't have signage for some of our parks, so this was really important just to get part of the branding and make everything look cohesive," Miller said.

The upgrades don't stop at the new signage. Visitors will also notice new equipment in the parks, including fresh picnic tables and benches.

Ultimately, Mayor Miller noted that the goal behind all these improvements is to encourage community connection and bring more activities to the city's parks.



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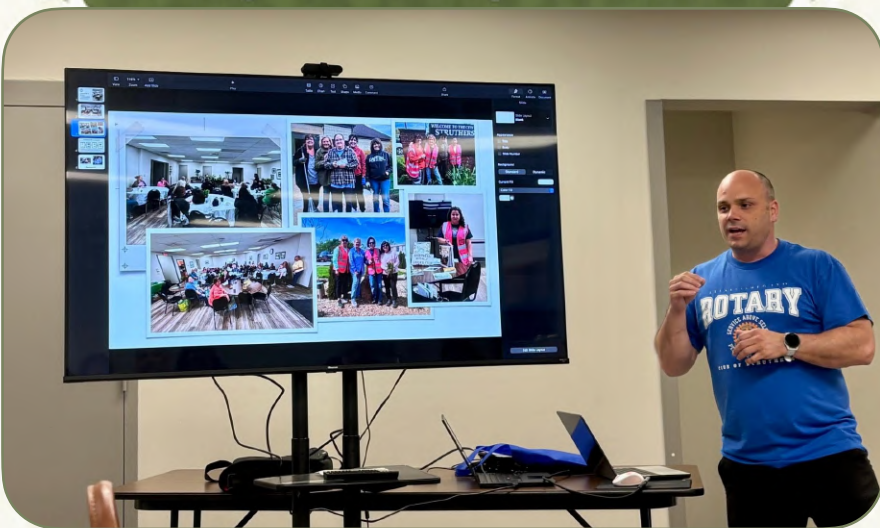


Upcycled Greenhouse Presentation

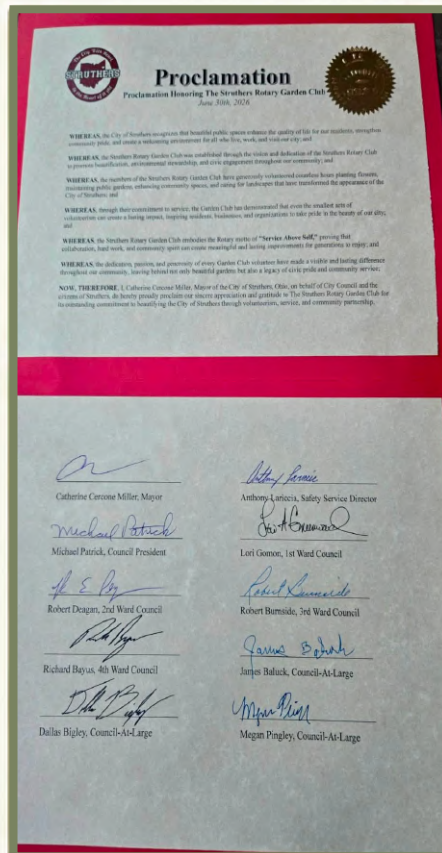
During a recent presentation titled "Upcycled Greenhouse," Ashley Flowers demonstrated an innovative approach to sustainable gardening. Her project showcased how to creatively repurpose a standard bunk bed frame to serve as the structural foundation for a greenhouse.

By utilizing existing materials, Flowers effectively illustrated how everyday items can be transformed into practical, highly functional assets for the garden.

Rotary Partnership Celebration



At the May meeting, Struthers Rotary Club President Ryan Goist celebrated the flourishing partnership between Rotary and the Garden Club. He shared how their vision transformed the Rotary Community Corps Garden Club, helping cultivate a stronger community. Goist proudly announced that the club's environmental efforts earned the district's Operation Pollination award and a \$500 prize, selected from 45 competing clubs. In full support of their continued impact, the Struthers Rotary Club matched the winnings, providing a total of \$1,000 to help the club's mission grow.



Honored with Mayoral Proclamation at Rotary President's Dinner

During the Struthers Rotary President's Dinner held in honor of Ryan Goist, the Rotary Community Corps Garden Club received special civic recognition. Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller presented the club with an official proclamation, honoring the tremendous positive impact the group has made in the community in such a short amount of time.



Garden Club President Karin Tatar proudly accepted the proclamation on behalf of the organization, marking a milestone moment for the club and celebrating its rapid success in beautifying and serving the city of Struthers.

